

CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES

September 4, 2019      Shoreline City Hall  
6:30 pm

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Ballinger –Stephanie Angelis  
Briarcrest – Bill Dwyer  
Echo Lake –Gidget Terpstra, Marla Tullio  
Highland Terrace – Maria Ales  
Hillwood – Ann Erickson, Pam Cross  
Innis Arden – Domenick Dellino  
Meridian Park – Cynthia Knox  
North City – Dan Dale  
Richmond Beach – Chris Beck, Tom Petersen  
Richmond Highlands – Pete Gerhard  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale

GUESTS: Northwest Neighbors Network – darci Beacom, Sandy May, Marylynn Antosh, Rick McClurg;  
Proposition 1 – Robin McClelland, Joan Herrick, June Howard.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Constance Perenyi, Neighborhoods Coordinator.

I. Call to Order

Dan Dale called the meeting to order.

II. Review and approve June 5 minutes and September 4 agenda  
Minutes and agenda were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Rick McClurg did an update on Northwest Neighbors Network (NNN), a locally-based, member-based nonprofit that supports aging in place. Rick noted that NNN has been gestating for years, was officially launched in February 2019, and is still very much in its infancy, in need of nurturing. This organization is kept afloat by volunteers, and they need more volunteers right now.

Asked how NNN identifies people in need of its services, Rick explained that they are referred. He emphasized the importance of matching people and skill sets with what needs to happen. Social needs are considered as well. It is as, if not more, important for those aging in place to have help as it is for them to have contact with other people.

Is NNN connecting with other organizations like Sound Generations? Rick said that they are in the early stages of exploring a collaboration with the Senior Center. Synergy of relationships is vital to creating community. Do people have to be members to volunteer? No, they do not.

Rick encouraged CON members to learn more by visiting the NNN website:  
[www.NorthwestNeighborsNetwork.org](http://www.NorthwestNeighborsNetwork.org)

Shoreline residents Robin McClelland, Joan Herrick, and June Howard introduced themselves as members of a group that has come together to support Proposition 1. The website is: <https://parksinvestnow.com/>

Stephanie Angelis (BALNA) invited CON members to the Ballinger Friendship Festival on Saturday, September 7, 1 to 5 pm at Brugger's Bog Park. She asked for CON members to volunteer at the event.

Patty Hale (Ridgecrest) announced upcoming Star Parties at Paramount School Park, a great place to view stars through giant telescopes provided by the Seattle Astronomical Society. They are scheduled for September 14 (8 pm), October 5 (7 pm), November 2 (6 pm), and December 7 (5 pm).

Patty also announced the start of the Million Step Challenge. On behalf of Ridgecrest, the winning neighborhood last year, she threw down the gauntlet and challenged other neighborhoods to step up. More information online:

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services/events-arts-and-culture/special-events/million-step-challenge-faq>

#### IV. Visiting Councilmember Update

Councilmember Betsy Robertson introduced herself and said she was glad to be at her first CON meeting since being appointed earlier this year to the seat opened when Jesse Salomon was elected to State Senate. Since there would be a presentation about Proposition 1 later in the meeting, she would not address that. From her perspective of having served on the Parks board, it was critical to have parks included in the ballot measure.

Councilmember Robertson shared information about the Shoreline/Woodway Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) about Point Wells. After years of working separately to address developer BSRE's Point Wells plans and Snohomish County's zoning designations, Shoreline and Woodway have agreed work together to address the impacts of redevelopment of Point Wells. Both cities agree BSRE's current "Urban Center" proposal does not adequately consider the environmental conditions at the site nor the transportation infrastructure that will serve the site.

The cities agree that redevelopment of Point Wells must: protect Puget Sound views; establish public access to the waterfront; adequately address landslide hazards associated with the site; and provide infrastructure improvements needed to reduce the impacts of such redevelopment and meet both cities' agreed upon levels of service.

To achieve this goal, the cities have been working towards incorporating these concepts into an agreement. The agreement will resolve existing areas of conflict between the cities and address traffic and transportation, development standards, annexation, and sewer utility service. Each city has scheduled a public discussion with their respective city Councils on Monday, September 23. A draft of the agreement is available on our website.

It is important to remember that although Shoreline and Woodway are committed to resolving these issues in a collaborative manner, Point Wells is in unincorporated Snohomish County and BSRE's Urban Center permit application is being processed by Snohomish County. Shoreline does not control the review or approval process.

NOTE that the MOU can be found on the City website here:

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/projects-initiatives/point-wells>

Q. Dom Dellino (Innis Arden) asked about the issue of a second road to Point Wells. Is that a provision of the MOU?

A. Yes. As specified in the MOU, if Woodway annexes Point Wells, a condition of development approval will be a public access road wholly within Woodway that connects to Point Wells. For more information, see the MOU on the website link above: Page 6, item B.

Next, Councilmember Robertson talked about the Fircrest campus, approximately 84 acres of land owned by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and home to Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center, or RHC. The City has steadfastly supported the State's efforts to address long-term planning for RHC and other properties on campus that support the RHC.

The City has also adopted policy statements within our Comprehensive Plan that speak to our long-held vision for the Fircrest Campus including: encouraging Master Planning for the RHC to protect its residents; evaluating the property for multi-family, mixed-use, and non-residential uses; and unlocking excess property at Fircrest to create living-wage jobs while respecting and complementing its existing function as a facility for people with disabilities.

Over the past decade, DSHS has openly acknowledged the need to consolidate RHC operations and to address the large tracts of land on campus that have no identified future use. During the last legislative session, several state agencies and representatives articulated visions for the Fircrest Campus that included: affordable housing; early childhood education; Senior Services; commercial development to generate revenue for State Trust beneficiaries; behavioral health facilities; and permanent recreation open space.

As such, the legislature tasked state agencies to engage in two efforts over the next year: DSHS is to develop preliminary designs for a new forty-eight bed behavioral health facility; and DNR, OFM, and DSHS are to develop recommendations for future use of underutilized portions of the Fircrest Campus that include affordable housing and public open space. There are so many potential visions for the Fircrest Campus, and only one chance for the State to get it right. However, on August 19, DSHS unveiled plans that addressed the first task, but in such a way as to make the second task very difficult, if not impossible.

Shoreline wants to be a partner in the State's effort to effectively plan for the uses of the Fircrest Campus, but it needs to be done in a transparent manner that takes all parties' interests into account. Residents have come to enjoy this "de facto" open space in their community, including the Eastside Off-Leash Dog Area. Accordingly, if the State moves forward with development of a substantial part of the Fircrest Campus, we would like to see some of that "de facto" open space preserved long-term as dedicated recreation/open space for all Shoreline residents. Fircrest remains the only campus-designated tract of land in the City never to have gone through a full master planning process. As the land use regulator, Shoreline can make sure this master planning process results in the development of a comprehensive and thoughtful vision for the campus's future.

You will also hear the City Council talk about a "moratorium" that could affect the Fircrest Campus master planning effort. The City Council has asked staff to prepare legislation that would create a

temporary 6-month moratorium on applications for master development plan permits. The City is not doing this to try to stop the State from pursuing any particular vision for the future of the campus, but we need to make sure that our master planning process is truly reflective of best practices so that, as a City, Shoreline can ensure that the State truly engages in a thorough and thoughtful approach to this. This kind of planning process is intended to ensure that large institutions, like Shoreline Community College, Crista Ministries, or Fircrest, are done with a comprehensive vision, not just piecemeal development.

The current master planning process was developed 10-12 years ago and served the needs of that moment. However, it's fair to say that it is not state of the art, and we are not convinced that as a tool, it is strong enough to ensure the comprehensiveness that our community needs. So that's why we are considering a moratorium. Before the State applies for a Master Development Plan approval, we want to be sure it's a well-thought-out process.

Q. Dom Dellino asked if Shoreline really has any teeth in this fight.

A. Yes, through land use and the master planning process required by the City.

Comment: Patty Hale noted that she is a community representative on the steering committee for the master planning process, as is Jean Hilde from Briarcrest. She encouraged everyone to stay alert to upcoming public meetings, and to participate.

#### V. Presentation on Ballot Measure

City Manager Debbie Tarry and Parks Director Eric Friedli presented facts about the measure to fund the Shoreline Aquatics Recreation, and Community Center (ShARCC) that will be on the November 5 general election ballot (Proposition 1). The entire presentation can be found below.

Q. Dom Dellino asked if there will be solar panels on the building.

A. The goal is to have this be a certified Leed Gold Building, but the components are to be decided if voter pass the measure and plans move ahead.

Q. Dan Dale (North City) asked about how operation costs will be considered with expanded space and activities.

A. Operation costs are not included in the bond issue. Certainly there will be a bigger building with more staff, but the cost to run will be balanced by the efficiencies of much increased energy efficiency, especially the pool, and consolidation of staff in one place.

Q. Marla Tullio (Echo Lake) asked if the existing pool will be in operation until the new one is built. And will fees be the same as they are now?

A. Hopefully the pool will hang on until there is a new one. As far as fees, PRCS is looking at a different pass structure as an alternative, with scholarships offered.

Q. Cynthia Knox (Meridian Park) asked if there is a backup plan if Proposition 1 doesn't pass.

A. If this is not passed, the City will go back and look at other options.

Q. Dom Dellino asked what will happen to the Spartan facility if the City ceases to use/run it.

A. It is possible the School District will continue activities there, or find another group that wants to do that. There are not enough recreational options in this area, and even with a new one, there will still be need.

Q. Dan Dale asked how the City might find funding options for other parks not included in Proposition 1.

A. The City will continue to look at other funding through grants and Park Impact Fees. Currently, developers building in Shoreline have to pay into this fund, but it goes only to new parks. Improvements to existing parks cannot be supported with Park Impact Fees.

#### VI. Report from the CON Board Retreat

Dan Dale reported on the CON Board retreat which was held in July. It began with a video of a TED talk by Shani Graham, an Australian community activator. She started out with a vision of how her neighborhood could be more environmentally sustainable, and in time, helped create a vibrant, interconnected community. Dan urged people to watch this to find inspiration for their own blocks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1WSkXWSJac>

The board looked at data from the evaluation CON members did in June, and considered the cadence of meetings: what worked last year? What do we want to repeat? What is new and responsive to what is going on in Shoreline? One common interest seems to be the arc of education in the City, from the School District to the College. What are educational opportunities for people of all ages, from Pre-Kindergarten all the way to college and beyond to what is offered for seniors. Dan mentioned that it might be a good year to invite high school students to meetings – both to CON and neighborhood meetings – to broaden our reach.

Dom Dellino suggested CON also revisit the idea of taking meetings into the community. Dan replied that City Hall is a great place for people to experience, to feel welcome, and asked how we can raise the bar by sharing accessible information and getting more residents involved. Patty Hale suggested that the best way to get a feel for what is going on in the community is to go to lunch at the Senior Center. Cynthia Knox shared her belief that it is really time to look carefully at neighborhoods for ideal siting of NEIRS stations for emergency preparedness.

#### VII. Neighborhoods Coordinator Report

Constance congratulated everyone on a great summer of events in the City. 8 neighborhoods came together this year for another successful book sale at Swingin' Summer Eve. She noted that Patty Hale asked for a debrief meeting soon while the event is still relatively fresh in participants' heads. Constance will follow up with a suggested meeting date in October and encouraged every participating neighborhood to either send a representative or share their critiques/suggestions ahead of time.

Because summer has been so busy, and Emergency Manager Jason McMillan has been focused on trainings, the Emergency Preparedness Fair will not occur this fall, but will happen early in 2020. Watch for a first planning meeting in October. Jason will be the presenter at the October CON meetings.

Constance also noted that event season is not quite over. She encouraged everyone to visit the Ballinger Friendship Festival on Saturday (9/7). She asked people to take flyers for that, and the upcoming Hillwood Park signage unveiling on Saturday, September 14. Both are 2019 Mini-Grant projects.

## VIII. Neighborhood Reports

Dan reminded everyone that rather than giving a list of summer events, he wanted to hear about something that was a surprise at one of their events.

- Bill Dwyer from Briarcrest shared that he had gone to many summer events in his emergency preparedness roles. He was heartened by the growing diversity he saw. In his words, "We are lucky to live where we do. There are a lot of good things going. It is a thing of beauty."
- Dom Dellino from Innis Arden reported on Brewfest, an annual 4 Corners event. As organizers prepared for the event, Dom realized how much information stays in the organizers' heads and created a spreadsheet template to help document the planning process. He said the spreadsheet can be adapted to any event and is available to all neighborhoods who would like it.
- Marla Tullio from Echo Lake shared her observations of the ELNA food truck events in a park that has its challenges. The first evening was not as well attended as the second, when everything came together well. Dancers from Echo Lake Elementary accepted an invitation to perform, and they rehearsed a lot before they stepped out in their traditional costumes. Marla said the best moment was watching children dance with pride, and seeing other children respond to them. In her words, "These were kids just wanting to be with each other."
- Tom Petersen and Chris Beck from Richmond Beach said nothing stood out to them as particularly surprising. This was another summer of very successful events that went smoothly. News: next year, there will be a People's Choice Award at the always popular Sandcastle event during Celebrate Shoreline weekend.
- Pete Gerhard from Richmond Highlands also participated in Brewfest and said something had surprised him and other organizers. Two of the pourers from past years had moved to Dayton, Ohio, but returned for this event because they enjoy it so much. They told Pete that it was their favorite among the many brew festivals they have worked, that it was fun and well-organized, and they appreciate the community. They plan to come back again next year.
- Cynthia Knox reported that it had been a quiet summer in Meridian Park. To encourage more neighbors to participate in National Night Out, the board decided to offer compostable picnicware to people hosting block parties, and that was greatly appreciated.
- Patty Hale from Ridgecrest followed up with information about the two \$500 scholarships awarded to students who had to write about their neighborhood. She said the essays were really strong and showed how much kids appreciate the richness of their neighborhood. As far as the annual Ice Cream Social, 1043 sundaes were served.
- Ann Erickson from Hillwood said that after the ton of work it has taken to prepare Hillwood Park, they were ready for the installation of the new signage there. She invited everyone to come on Saturday, September 14 to see the signs and join in the celebration. Another reason to celebrate: Hillwood has a full board, and some great new energy.

- Dan Dale reported that North City had another successful Jazz Walk. He noted that 5 City Councilmembers were in attendance, with 4 volunteering. He also said that he volunteered at the CON table at Celebrate Shoreline and was surprised by the number of people there who were not from Shoreline. He observed that we'll be seeing more of that in the future as the stations make the City increasingly accessible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

# Proposition 1: General Obligation Bonds for Aquatic, Recreation, and Community Center and Parks and Recreation Improvements

2019



Spartan Recreation Center

## 2018 Spartan Use

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- 321 adult classes
- 100 preschool classes
- 240 youth classes
- 13,267 drop-in visits
- 2,688 camp registrations (over 400 on a wait list)
- 106 summer camps
- 2,200 hours of rentals



## Shoreline Pool

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## 2018 Pool Use

- 4,250 hours of pool operation
- 4,500 course registrations
- 2,500 hours of drop-in opportunities (lap and recreational swims and exercise classes)
- 24,079 drop-in visits



## 2013 Pool Assessment

### Long-term Major Maintenance Needs

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Replace roof structure on accessible entry vestibule

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Seismic retrofitting

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Replace locker room slabs

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Floor drains and ground water control

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HVAC/ Plumbing

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Mechanical

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Electrical

# Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan 2017-2023

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## 1 Build a Community/ Aquatics Center

Place a proposal for a new community/aquatics center before the voters by 2020. Open a new facility in 2022.

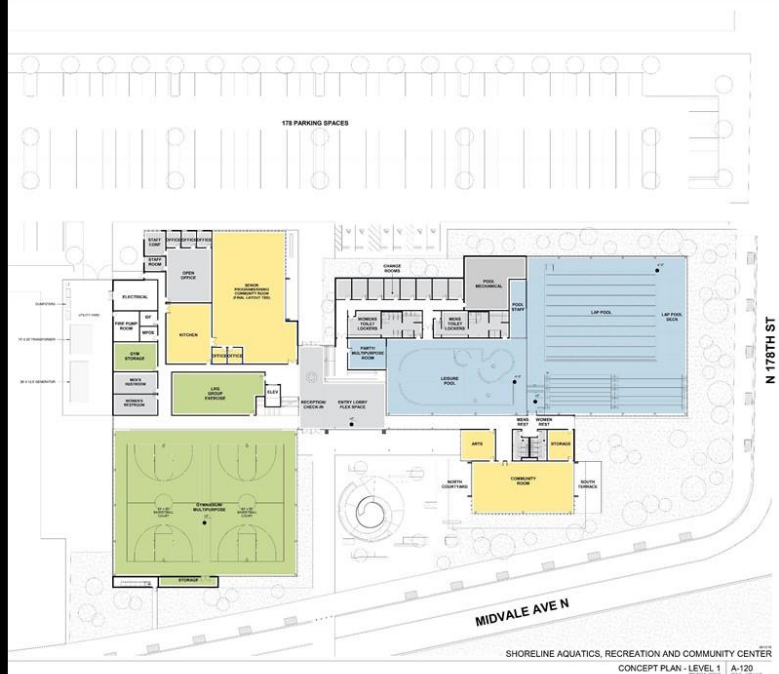


## Public Process

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## ShARCC Concept Design

- Two-court gymnasium
- Community spaces
- 6,000 sq. ft. of space prioritized for senior programs including a commercial kitchen
- Leisure/activity pool with play features
- 8-lane lap pool with seating for 500



## ShARCC Concept Design

- Walking/jogging track
- Courtyard and other outdoor areas
- Exercise, weight, and cardio areas
- Locker rooms and showers
- Over 180 parking stalls



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- # Why a Combined Facility?
- Cost effective
  - Energy efficient
  - Operational and maintenance efficiencies
  - Centralized services and staffing
  - Multi-generational opportunities

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Cost effective

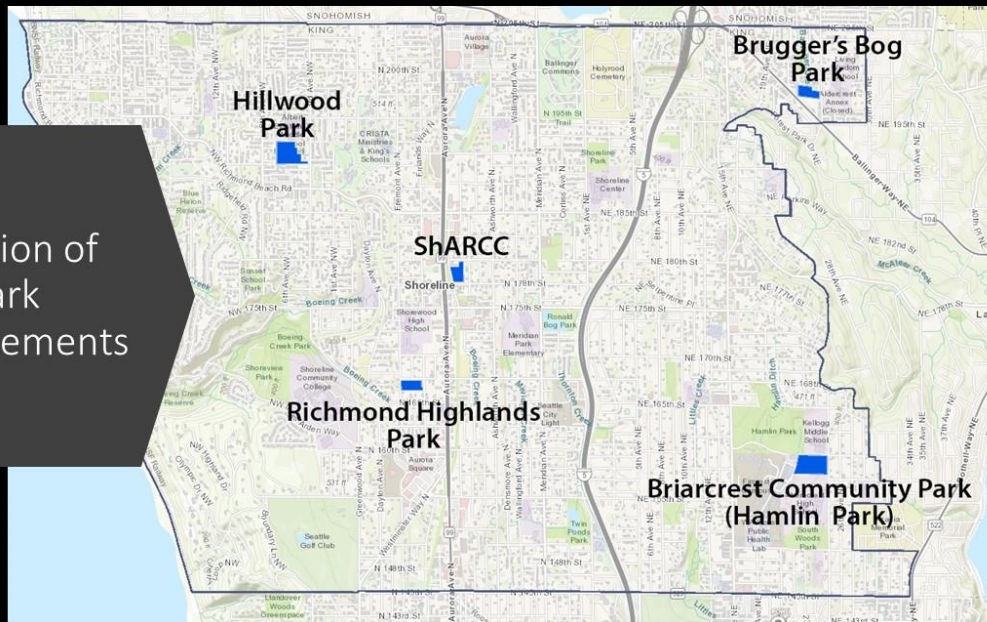
Energy efficient

## Operational and maintenance efficiencies

## Centralized services and staffing

## Multi-generational opportunities

## Location of Park Improvements



## Briarcrest Community Park (East Hamlin)

- Enhanced entrance from 25<sup>th</sup> Ave
- New play area
- New splash pad
- New picnic shelter
- New perimeter trail
- Conversion of one of two ballfields into lawn



## Brugger's Bog Park

- Relocated playground with swing set
- New multi-sports court
- New picnic shelter
- New restroom
- Additional landscaping
- New perimeter trail
- Sidewalk



## Hillwood Park

- Replace the multi-sport court
- Expand the playground with adventure features
- New splash pad
- New picnic shelter
- Additional landscaping
- New perimeter trail



## Richmond Highlands Park

- Replace existing playground with fully accessible all-ages playground
- New multi-sport court
- New picnic shelter
- New perimeter trail
- New sensory trail
- Additional sidewalks
- Convert one of two ballfields to lawn



How  
will it  
be paid  
for?

Assessed Value	Net Annual Increase	Net Monthly Increase
Home Valued at \$300,000	\$153	\$13
Median Valued Home at \$480,000	\$244	\$20
Home Valued at \$750,000	\$372	\$31
Home Valued at \$1,000,000	\$497	\$41

\$103.6 million in general obligation bonds paid with an increase in property taxes over the next 20 years.

More Information

[Shorelinewa.gov/Prop1](http://Shorelinewa.gov/Prop1)